

current grant from or contract with the Corporation; or

(b) There has been substantial failure by a recipient to provide high quality, economical, and effective legal assistance, as measured by generally accepted professional standards, the provisions of the Act, or a rule, regulation, or guideline issued by the Corporation.

(c) In the absence of unusual circumstances, suspension shall not take place unless the Corporation has given the recipient notice of its failure and an opportunity to take effective corrective action.

#### **§ 1623.4 Suspension.**

(a) When there is reason to believe that financial assistance to a recipient should be suspended, the Corporation shall serve a written preliminary determination on the recipient stating the grounds and effective date for the proposed suspension, and identifying, with reasonable specificity, any facts or documents relied upon as justification for the suspension. The preliminary determination shall also specify any corrective action that the recipient must take to avoid or end the suspension.

(b) The preliminary determination shall also advise the recipient that it may, within 5 days of receipt of the preliminary determination, request an informal meeting with the Corporation at which it may attempt to show that the proposed suspension should not become effective. The Corporation shall designate the place for such a meeting and shall set the time at least 5 days after the recipient's request is received. The preliminary determination shall also advise the recipient that, within 10 days of its receipt of the preliminary determination and without regard to whether it requested an informal meeting, it may submit written materials in opposition to the proposed suspension.

(c) The Corporation shall consider any written materials submitted by the recipient in opposition to the proposed suspension and any oral presentation or written materials submitted by the recipient at the informal meeting, if one is requested. If after considering these materials the Corporation concludes that the recipient has failed to show that the suspension should not become effective, it may suspend finan-

cial assistance to the recipient in whole or in part and under such terms and conditions as it deems proper.

(d) Written notice of the suspension shall be promptly transmitted to the recipient, and the suspension shall become effective when the notice is received by the recipient or on such later date as is specified in the notice.

(e) The Corporation employee ordering suspension may at any time rescind or modify the terms of the suspension and, on written notice to the recipient, reinstate the suspension without further proceedings under this part. In no event shall the total time of suspension exceed 30 days, unless the Corporation and the recipient agree to a continuation of the suspension for an additional period of time and without further proceedings under this part.

#### **§ 1623.5 Time extension and waiver.**

(a) Any period of time provided in this part, except the total time for suspension, may, upon good cause shown and determined, be extended by the person issuing the preliminary determination under § 1623.4 or by the President.

(b) Requests for extensions of time shall be considered in light of the overall objective that the procedures prescribed by this part ordinarily shall be concluded within 30 days of the preliminary determination.

(c) Any other provision of this part may be waived or modified by agreement of the recipient and the Corporation, or by the President upon good cause shown and determined.

#### **§ 1623.6 Interim funding.**

Failure by the Corporation to meet a time requirement of this part shall not entitle a recipient to continued funding. Pending the completion of suspension proceedings under this part, the Corporation shall provide the recipient with interim funding necessary to maintain its current level and legal assistance activities under the Act.

### **PART 1624—PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAP**

Sec.  
1624.1 Purpose.